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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FILED WITH
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As a below named inventor, I/we hereby declare that:

My/Our residence, post office address and country of citizenship are as stated below, next to my name; I/we believe I/we am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: PROSTHETIC FOOT WITH TUNABLE PERFORMANCE AND IMPROVED VERTICAL LOAD/SHOCK ABSORPTION

the specification of which was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/US2003/009506 filed March 31, 2003 and was amended on _____
(If applicable)

I/We hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section §1.56(a).

I/We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section §119 of any provisional application(s) and any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Provisional and/or Foreign Application(s)</u>			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section §112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose all information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and

the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>09/820,895</u>	<u>March 30, 2001</u>	<u>patented- now U.S. Patent No. 6,562,075 issued May 13, 2003</u>
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